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In re Patent of Vetterli et al.

Application No. 09/817,314 : DECISION Filed: March 26, 2001 : ON PETITION

Title of Invention: : AUTOMATED ANNOTATION OF A VIEW :

This is a decision on the Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), filed April 7, 2006, and re-filed march 9, 2006, to revive an unintentionally abandoned application. The petition is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed July 16, 2002. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply. No extensions of time having been obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a), this application became abandoned on October 17, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 1, 2003.

A petition to revive the application filed October 18, 2005, was dismissed in a Decision mailed February 9, 2006, because Petitioner had not demonstrated that he was a proper party in interest.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). A response to the Office action was filed October 18, 2005. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2671 for processing of the response, filed October 18, 2005, in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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